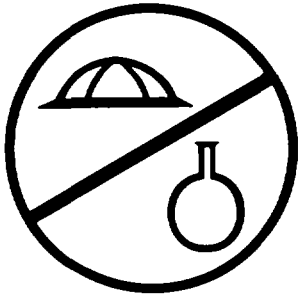


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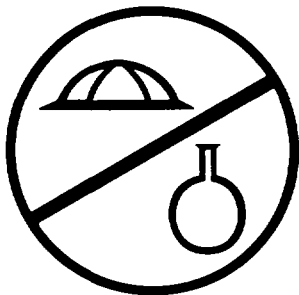
Dear Mr. Bradley:

Metalico, Inc. plans to purchase the assets of Taracorp Industries, Inc. in Granite City, Illinois. Part of this 15 acre site contains the slag pile known to you as "NL/TARACORP" a technical Superfund project number L1190400007. Metalico, Inc. will not purchase the land containing the slag pile. The current owners of Taracorp Industries, Inc. (Mr. Louis Taratoot) will continue to own and be totally responsible for the property that contains the slag pile.

It is our understanding that the manufacturing assets that we are purchasing, which contains the remaining 10.88 acres, is not a "Superfund Site", but a RCRA registered site and the company is currently in compliance with the permits issued to the firm. We plan to continue operating these assets in the same manner as it is currently operating without any changes to the methods and processes. This should allow us to continue to operate under the requirements of the existing permits.

Attached is a preliminary plat of the property that has separated the slag pile (Parcel 2 - 4.12 acres) from the operating facility.

It is our hope to devise a property line along the slag pile so that Metalico, Inc.'s property can be as far from the slag pile as possible so that no slope easement and/or construction easement must be given to the owner of the slag pile for the cap that must be installed. If possible, we hope to devise this property line so that EPA's access when capping the slag pile can be obtained on 15th Street, 16th Street, and Edison Avenue. In the event the EPA must use Metalico's property as a means of access to the slag pile, we will cooperate with the agency in establishing this access.



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Members of the staff and management team of Metalico, Inc. look forward to working with you and the US EPA and also with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. We will assist and co-operate with you in every request. We know this venture will be rewarding for us and we will maintain compliance with your rules and regulations so that we do not add to your work load.

Once the purchase of the assets of Taracorp Industries, Inc. is completed, we do not anticipate changes to the operating staff. However, I would like to provide you with additional contact personnel at Metalico, Inc. These Key individuals are:

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Please Contact me if I can provide any additional information for you. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter and hope we can work very closely together as this purchase is completed and thereafter.

Sincerely,

Lee Norman  
Environmental Scientist

Attachments

cc: Robert Rogers - Illinois EPA

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